A Heretical View?

A 2025 article published in two parts with the title *Anton Long as Hyperstition* and the subtitle *Identity Dissolution, Inhuman Agency, and Occult Persona-Engineering in the Order of Nine Angles*, [1] brought forth a heretical thought because of what seems to be a decades long public campaign claiming that the pseudonymous 'Anton Long', alleged founder of the Order of Nine Angles (a/k/a ONA a/k/a O9A) and arguably its chief theoretician, is David Myatt. This campaign that DM=AL is evident whenever the ONA is mentioned or written about on social-media, in the mainstream media, or by special policy groups - which are often, like the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, funded by Western governments - whose remit concerns the threats posed by 'extremists', by 'terrorists', and sundry others. Typical of the campaign is the following, from the Institute for Strategic Dialogue,

> "The Order of Nine Angles (O9A) is a decentralized, satanic, neo-Nazi organization. O9A adherents believe Western civilization's Judeo-Christian heritage corrupts modern society and seek to overthrow and replace the current order with a new imperial order based on Fascism, Social Darwinism and Satanism. O9A ideology has spread and become both increasingly influential (...) The O9A was established in the early 1970's by British neo-Nazi activist David Myatt. It went through a brief lull in the 1990s and early 2000s before becoming active on social media in 2008. Myatt, writing under the pseudonym 'Anton Long', developed the system of teachings, training and initiations that now define the O9A ." [2]

As the author of *Anton Long as Hyperstition* wrote in regard to the 'Anton Long' persona,

> "The more the persona is discussed, contested, imitated, or speculated about, the more real it becomes within the discursive system that sustains it (...) the persona becomes an object of attention, analysis, and debate. Each new theory reinforces the hyperstitional circuit ..."

Of hyperstition in general he writes that

> "hyperstition describes narratives that bring themselves into reality through their effects. These are not fictions in the conventional literary sense, but feedback-driven mechanisms: stories, identities, or symbols that act as catalysts, shaping behaviour, culture, and expectation in ways that ultimately materialise the conditions they predict. Hyperstition collapses the conventional divide between fiction and reality."

In regard to the ONA,

> "A hyperstitional entity gains power not through factual stability but through interpretive activity. The more the persona is discussed, contested, imitated, or speculated about, the more real it becomes within the discursive system that sustains it. The ambiguity surrounding 'Anton Long' is therefore not a flaw in the ONA's structure; it is the mechanism through which the persona's authority is generated. Ambiguity invites projection, and projection amplifies myth.
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> This dynamic also clarifies why attempts to unmask the empirical author behind the persona often fail to reduce its influence. Even when scholars or journalists propose specific individuals as candidates, the narrative effect remains the same: the persona becomes an object of attention, analysis, and debate. Each new theory reinforces the hyperstitional circuit. The ONA's narrative reflexivity ensures that every attempt to stabilise Anton Long's identity is reincorporated into the mythos as further evidence of its potency.
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> Through the lenses of narrative reflexivity and occulture, then, the persona 'Anton Long' emerges as a deliberately unstable figure—a mask designed to be worn, contested, and reactivated. Rather than grounding the ONA in biography, the persona opens a space for mythic elaboration, esoteric experimentation, and the circulation of ideas across cultural and ideological boundaries."

Since the equation DM=AL has been and is increasingly being mentioned, discussed, speculated about, and believed, the result is that DM has become a modern villain leading to him being considered one of the twenty most dangerous extremists in world [3] and 'his' O9A such a threat by governments to the extent that it is now banned in one Western country (New Zealand) with others, including the USA, considering such bans. In addition, given human nature, many individuals have sought and increasingly seek to belittle this modern villain, with their comments indicative of the nature of such individuals, as in the case of the individual who, with no public or scholarly achievements to his name, claimed without any scholarly proof or forensic analysis that Myatt's Greek translations and extensive erudite commentaries [4] were by someone else. Similarly in regard to the individuals who blandly claim that his antinomian philosophy of pathei-mathos [5] is at best a deception by a die-hard neo-nazi satanist and at worst mumbo-jumbo.

Even if Myatt was not the 'Anton Long' who created the ONA, wrote its foundation texts, and influenced many people in both good and bad ways, he certainly created the complex, innovative, 'alchemical' Star Game with its seven boards and 27 pieces per player, [6] with his interpretation of tracts from the Corpus Hermeticism, according to one Greek scholar who uses the Poemandres tract as an example, articulating "a coherent civilizational disposition distinct from both Christian and secular modern values, and Myatt's translation restores this [pagan] dispositional structure to view." [7]

These, together with Myatt's political activism and religious peregrinations over some forty years understood as a modern Faustian quest, [8] combine to frame Myatt as both a modern antinomian and a modern seeker - in the ancient (Greco-Roman, and hermetic) tradition - of ἀλήθεια and of Lapis Philosophicus who will most probably be remembered long after his numerous detractors are dead and forgotten.

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The Alchemical Star Game

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2) The claims by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue have been analysed in *The ISD 2022 O9A Report*, https://archive.org/download/isd-o9a-report/isd-o9a-report-v3.pdf

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(iii) *Tabula Smaragdina Hermetis*, https://web.archive.org/web/20260521150817/https://davidmyatt.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/myatt-tabula-smaragdina-hermetis.pdf
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5) *Antinomianism And The Philosophy Of Pathei Mathos*, 2023. https://archive.org/download/antinomianism-and-the-philosophy-of-pathei-mathos/Antinomianism%20And%20The%20Philosophy%20Of%20Pathei-Mathos.pdf

6) *The Star Game And The Hebdomad*, in *The Hebdomian Way,* 2022, pp.20-26. https://archive.org/download/hebdom_second/hebdom_second.pdf

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